

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0051] as follows:

[0051] The plurality of central projections 84 are formed independently from one another, and are situated spaced away from one another. More specifically, each central projection 84 has a cone-like shape, and is spaced apart from another central projections 84 at least at its apex portion. Each of the plurality of central projections 84 has a height dimension ~~smaller than~~ **substantially identical with** that of the pair of peripheral projections 82, and all of the plurality of central projections 84 have the same dimension in their projection height as measured from the elastic base 74A.

Please amend Table 1 on page 21 as follows:

TABLE 1

	COMP. EXAMPLE 1	COMP. EXAMPLE 2	COMP. EXAMPLE 3	PRESENT INVENTION	COMP. EXAMPLE 4	COMP. EXAMPLE 5
Thickness [Base]	4.0mm	8.0mm	2.5mm	5.0 <u>3.5</u> mm	5.0 <u>3.5</u> mm	3.5mm
[Projection]			2.5mm			
[Peripheral Projection]				3.5 <u>1.5</u> mm	3.5 <u>1.5</u> mm	None
[Central Projection]				1.5mm	None	3.5 <u>1.5</u> mm
Durability	[[O]] <u>sufficient</u>	[[O]] <u>sufficient</u>	[[X]] <u>insufficient</u>	[[O]] <u>sufficient</u>	[[O]] <u>sufficient</u>	[[X]] <u>insufficient</u>
Graph No.	Fig. 9A	Fig. 9B	Fig. 9C	Fig. 9D	Fig. 10A	Fig. 10B
Feeling Test	×	×	○	○	Δ	×